

September 23, 1929.

Mrs. J. F. Waggoner,  
Keldron, South Dakota.

Dear Mrs. Waggoner:

I was very happy to get your good letter of September 19 containing the information I so much desired. Thank you very much for your kindness and promptness in this matter.

In your letter you speak of a man named Bear Necklace. In Miss Denamore's book it is stated that he gave Sitting Bull a sacred stone. If he is still alive I would like very much to know when and where this happened and anything he could tell you about Sitting Bull's use of the stone. One Bull was of the opinion that Sitting Bull never possessed or used such stones. He seemed to think that Sitting Bull did not direct any ceremonies or any kind though he took part in the Sun Dance and the Ghost Dance. Did you ever hear anything about this?

I was interested to learn what you told me about One Bull and Gray Eagle. You say your uncle, Grasping Eagle, told you that he told Sitting Bull all that was said when McLaughlin called the ~~ph~~ipiest together on August 10, 1890. Do you know what was said then? I am very anxious to know all about this and feel sure that you and your husband know more about the last days of Sitting Bull than anyone I know. I shall be grateful if you will tell me all you remember of Sitting Bull's relation to the agent after he was brought to Fort Yates until his death. I greatly appreciate your kind offer to help me and may write to you again before long.

I will gladly lend you any book I have. I do not believe Dr. Grinnell has published any book on the Sioux Indians. He has published one on the Black Foot, one on the Pawnee, and two about the Cheyennes. One of the these, "The Fighting Cheyennes", has something to do with the Sioux and the wars with the white man. I have that book myself and if you want it I will be glad to send it to you. Dr. Grinnell wrote me that he had never done any work on the Sioux so I don't think he has a book about them. Please let me know and I will send the book at once.

My publisher says he thinks he would like to print my book on Sitting Bull about a year from now if I can get it ready in time. I am working hard and if I can make a little trip to Washington I think it will come out on time. I had hoped also to get up to your country again but am afraid I cannot do so before the book is finished next spring so I am counting on you to help me a good deal in answering my questions by mail. Please give my regards to your husband.

Sincerely yours,

W.S. CAMPBELL.